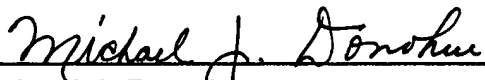


REMARKS

Claims 1-29 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 9 and 12 are amended. New claims 16-29 have been added. The applicants kindly request that the Examiner enter the amendment prior to an examination on the merits.

It is now believed that all claims are in condition for allowance. Early consideration of the subject application and its allowance are kindly requested. If questions remain regarding the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (206) 628-7640.

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